

Subject: RE: Excelencia

From: "Wayne K. Strumpfer" <wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com>

Date: 7/6/18, 11:01 AM

To: Ruben Alonzo <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>

Hi Ruben,

Thank you for all the information – it was very helpful. Attached is a draft letter to LAUSD. Ana may want to add her style to it as she sees fit. If she or you want to make changes, I am happy to discuss and to make sure any changes do not cause any legal issues.

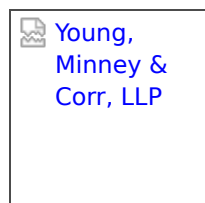
In the letter, I reference attachments A and B. I have attached those as well to this email and Ana can include them with her submission to Jose Rodriguez.

Please let me know if you or Ana have any questions or if I can be of any further help. One thing I will mention is that we provide training on the Brown Act and conflicts of interest to Charter School Boards on a regular basis. If you have any interest, just let me know.

Thanks,
Wayne

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From: Ruben Alonzo <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>

Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 10:22 AM

To: Wayne K. Strumpfer <wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com>

Subject: RE: Excelencia

Hi Wayne,

Coming from Ana would be best since she has a strong relationship with the District and has been in communication with Jose Rodriguez frequently. As soon as you send the

letter to us, I'll call her immediately to have her sign, scan, and send the letter.

1. Correct, we have never had a closed session.
2. We did quite a bit of self-training leading up to our LAUSD authorization on June 13, 2017. I led most of the training using CCSA, ExED, and Public Counsel provided resources. We reviewed the Brown Act thoroughly and in detail since we knew it would come up in our capacity interview with the District. Dates outlined below:
 - a. January 12, 2017
 - b. January 21, 2017
 - c. February 13, 2017
 - d. April 10, 2017
 - e. May 24, 2017: Tammy Stanton (former Executive VP from ExED) provided in-person training on LCFF, Categorical Funding, and Brown Act.
3. We had a Brown Act training scheduled in May 2018, but had to cancel due to schedule conflicts. We have yet to reschedule but will prioritize a training before December.

Sincerely,

Ruben

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From: Wayne K. Strumpfer [<mailto:wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com>]

Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 9:27 AM

To: Ruben Alonzo <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>


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Great! I am almost done with the draft letter. I am preparing for Ms. Lasso's signature under the school's letterhead. I always recommend that when the school is dealing with LAUSD's CSD. If you would rather it come directly from our firm, let me know and we can discuss. A couple final questions - 1) it appears you have not had a closed session in any meeting yet, is that correct? And 2) Have you had a Brown Act training or do you have one scheduled? It is always good to include that in a reply letter like this.

Thanks,
Wayne

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From: Ruben Alonzo <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 9:23 AM
To: Wayne K. Strumpfer <wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Excelencia

Hi Wayne,

Correct. There is a date stamp above generated by our site engine that indicates all agendas were posted at least 72 hours in advance (Regular Meetings) or 24 hours (special Meetings).

Attached is a spreadsheet of teleconference meeting locations and attendees by board meetings and committee meetings (separate tabs).

Please let me know if you require anything else! I'll be on the road but accessible by phone.


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From: Wayne K. Strumpfer [<mailto:wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 9:11 AM
To: Ruben Alonzo <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>
Subject: RE: Excelencia

In reviewing the website, I think I see that there is a "date stamp" above the posting of the agendas for the dates. Am I correct in my reading the dates?



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From: Wayne K. Strumpfer
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 8:42 AM
To: 'Ruben Alonzo' <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>
Subject: RE: Excelencia

Hi Ruben,

Is it accurate to say that agendas have been posted 72 hours or more in advance at the meeting location and on the website? Do you post them anywhere else? Is there anyway to prove when the agendas are posted on the website? For instance, is there something like a date stamp on posts made on the site?

Thanks,
Wayne

From: Ruben Alonzo <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 5:47 PM
To: Wayne K. Strumpfer <wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com>
Subject: Re: Excelencia

Hi Wayne,

I'm driving back to LA and won't be able to provide names synced to addresses until early tomorrow morning.

As for businesses below, they are the following:

324 North McDonnell Ave

East LA Rising, Inc. (non profit, formerly East LA Boys and Girls Club)
Accessibility to public has never been an issue as one time we had 30+ protesters present.

4538 East Cesar E Chavez Ave

La Caretta restaurant. This is owned and operated by one of our former Board Members, Samuel Robles. The restaurant closes at 5pm so people present never had to purchase

anything. He kept the door open during our meetings. No one ever came by. This was also before we were a "union target."

1016 South Fresno Street

Ramon Garcia Recreation Center. Open to the public. Accessible to all.

312 North Records Avenue

Collegiate Charter High School of Los Angeles. This school is colocated at Belvedere Middle School. Their staff monitored the entrance. No one from the public attended these meetings.

All agendas were posted at these locations at least 72 hours in advance.

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On Jul 5, 2018, at 5:26 PM, Wayne K. Strumpfer <wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com> wrote:

Hi Ruben,

Can you please tell me what type of business each of the following locations are in Los Angeles?

324 North McDonnell Ave
4538 East Cesar E Chavez Ave
1016 South Fresno Street
312 North Records Avenue

Also, is there a way to know which Board member was at what remote participation location for each of the Board meetings? This is not absolutely necessary, but it would offer a more complete response to LAUSD.

I have left a message with Jose Rodriguez at LAUSD and hopefully he will call me in the morning - I will be asking him what "evidence" he is looking for to show the Board complies with the Brown Act (#3-5). These are kind of odd requests and not sure what we can offer besides the minutes. I just want to make sure we provide what they are looking for so we can close down this inquiry.

I still fully expect to have the draft to you for your review tomorrow.

Thanks,
Wayne

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From: Ruben Alonzo <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 12:04 PM

To: Wayne K. Strumpfer <wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com>

Cc: Janelle A. Ruley <jruley@mycharterlaw.com>

Subject: Re: Excelencia

Thanks for prioritizing, Wayne.

I'll keep an eye out for your email tomorrow.

I'll be available all day for a call as well.

Sincerely,

Ruben

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On Jul 5, 2018, at 11:04 AM, Wayne K. Strumpfer
<wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com> wrote:

Hi Ruben,

I'm working on this now. I will review the minutes/agendas/etc. and draft a letter. If I have questions, I will call you. Targeting completion no later than tomorrow so you have time to review.

Thanks,
Wayne

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From: Ruben Alonzo <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 3:03 PM

To: Wayne K. Strumpfer <wstrumpfer@mycharterlaw.com>

Cc: Janelle A. Ruley <jruley@mycharterlaw.com>

Subject: FW: Excelencia

Hi Wayne,

We received this letter today from LAUSD – Charter Schools Division.

It's in response to the letter sent by Bush Gottlieb on behalf of UTLA.

Can you please draft a response to the District based on our previous conversations? I can provide all minutes and agendas for Board and committee meetings dating back to June 2017. You can also find them [here](#) and [here](#), respectively.

I apologize for the quick turnaround, but the District is requesting a letter by July 9.

Happy to hop on a call to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Ruben

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From: Ana M Lasso [<mailto:ana.lasso@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 2:54 PM
To: Ruben Alonzo <ralonzo@excelenciacharteracademy.org>;
Rodolphus Bethea <rudybetheajr@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Excelencia

FYI—we need to respond immediately, by July 9th.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Rodriguez, Jose" <jrodri05@lausd.net>
Subject: Excelencia
Date: June 29, 2018 at 2:31:06 PM PDT
To: Ana M Lasso <ana.lasso@gmail.com>
Cc: "Bradley, Sharon" <sharon.bradley@lausd.net>

Dear Board President Lasso,

Please see the attached CSD letter and attachment for your immediate attention.

Best regards,
Jose Rodriguez,
Specialist
Charter Schools Division
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The LAUSD Charter Schools Division (CSD) fosters high quality educational opportunities for all students in the greater Los Angeles community through exemplary charter public school authorizing, oversight, and sharing of promising practices so that all students maximize their potential.

— Attachments: —

LTR to District re Brown Act Excelencia.docx	17.5 KB
Attachment A.pdf	153 KB
Attachment B.xlsx	11.2 KB